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## Press Release

### **Westport Police Investigate Stabbing Incident at** **1137 Post Road East**

(Westport, CT) On Monday January 6, 2020 at approximately 1:06pm, officers responded to the parking lot of 1137 Post Road East on a report of a stabbing that had occurred at that location. Callers reported that a single male suspect had stabbed a female within the parking lot and had subsequently fled the scene in a vehicle.

Officers and emergency responders located and rendered aid to a female victim that had suffered multiple stab wounds. The victim sustained serious injuries as a result of this incident and was transported to Norwalk Hospital for further treatment.

Callers provided a description of the suspect as well as of his vehicle. Patrol units immediately set a perimeter around the area in an attempt to locate the suspect. A Westport officer then observed the suspect's vehicle traveling southbound on the Sherwood Island Connector a short time after the initial report was received. He came to an immediate stop when signaled and was compliant with officers at the scene.

This motor vehicle stop and subsequent detention of the suspect necessitated a brief closure of the Sherwood Island Connector to vehicular traffic, which was detailed in a NIXLE advisory message. The roadway has since been re-opened to all traffic. This suspect is currently in police custody and there is no additional threat to public safety relative to this investigation.

Members of the Westport Police Department's patrol division and detective bureau are actively investigating this incident. Any further relevant details as well as identification of the suspect and criminal charges will be released in a subsequent update to this initial release.

***UPDATE AS OF 6:30PM ON 1/6/2020:*** The suspect in this incident has been positively identified as Ellis Tibere, age 18 of Guilford, Connecticut. The victim is a 33-year-old female from Greenwich, Connecticut. The victim is reported to be in stable condition as of the last update from medical personnel. There is no known relationship between the suspect and victim in this incident.

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Statements obtained allege that Tibere opened the door to the victim's vehicle as she was parked in the lot and seated inside of it awaiting an appointment. Tibere was reportedly wearing a mask and brandishing a knife when he opened the door. The victim attempted to kick the suspect in self-defense at which time he inflicted multiple stab wounds to her leg. Based on interviews conducted with Tibere, it appears the victim and location were chosen at random. He was found to be in possession of a knife and mask when stopped by officers and has confessed to his involvement in the incident.

Tibere has been charged with Criminal Attempt at Murder, Assault First Degree and Possession of a Deadly Weapon. He is being held on a \$1,000,000.00 bond. Should he post this bond, arraignment is scheduled for 9:30am Thursday January 16, 2020 at Norwalk Superior Court. Should he be unable to post this bond he will be arraigned at 9:30am on Tuesday January 7, 2020.

This investigation is still active and on going as of this writing. Any additional relevant information will be briefed or released on the morning of Tuesday January 7, 2020.

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